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MAPUTO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES

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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. CHARGE MET MAY 19 WITH KENYAN MINISTER FOR LABOR JAMES
NYAMWEYA FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING U.S. ILO CONCERNS.
NYAMWEYA WILL BE GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND CHAIRMAN OF KENYAN
DELEGATION TO 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

2. CHARGE MADE LENGTHY PRESENTATION OF POINTS CONTAINED
REFTELS. IN RESPONSE, NYAMWEYA SAID KENYA SHARED U.S.
DISSATISFACTION WITH EXTENT TO WHICH ILO AND OTHER
SIMILAR BODIES HAD BEEN POLITICIZED, AND BELIEVED MEASURES
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO COUNTERACT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. HE
CITED RECENT UNESCO MEETING IN NAIROBI AS EXAMPLE OF KIND
OF SUCCESSFUL MEETING WHICH CAN TAKE PLACE WHEN INTRODUCTION
OF POLITICAL ISSUES IRRELEVANT TO ORGANIZATION IS HELD TO
MINIMUM. HE SAID GOK WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY CONFERENCE
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ISSUES OF SPECIFIC CONCERN TO U.S. IN THIS GENERAL AREA,
I.E. ISRAELI RESOLUTION, ARTICLE 17, AND EQUAL TREATMENT
IN APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS, WITH VIEW TO DETERMINING
HOW KENYA CAN BE HELPFUL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE AGREED THAT
IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR MODERATE NATIONS TO SEEK SEATS ON KEY
COMMITTEES, AND TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DEBATES.

3. NYAMWEYA CHARACTERIZED QUESTION OF STRUCTURE, HOWEVER, AS "DEAR TO US." HE ADDED THAT WAY MUST BE FOUND TO GIVE LDC'S REPRESENTATION IN ILO COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR NEW STATUS IN WORLD. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S SUGGESTION NYAMWEYA INDICATED THAT HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF KENYA DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH U.S. DELEGATES IN GENEVA AT EARLY DATE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF INTENTION OF WITHDRAW FROM ILO HAD BEEN ILL ADVISED, BUT THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS THOSE ON OCCASION OF HOROWITZ VISIT HAD BEEN USEFUL IN TERMS OF WINNING SUPPORT FOR U.S. POINT OF VIEW.

4. CHARGE ALSO RAISED WITH NYAMWEYA QUESTION OF STATE DEPARTMENT LEADER GRANT WHICH HAS BEEN OFFERED HIM TO VISIT U.S. IN FY 77. OUR HOPE WAS THAT HE COULD MAKE THE TRIP PRIOR TO ILO CONFERENCE. NYAMWEYA HAD, IN FACT, TENTATIVELY AGREED TO TRAVEL AT END OF APRIL, BUT UNEXPECTED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE. HE NOW SAYS HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DEPART KENYA FOR U.S. ON AUGUST 8.

5. LIST OF KENYAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.
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